

2040 MTP Regional Growth Scenarios and their Performance

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Common Element = Scenario Planning

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Scenario Planning

- Approach that uses growth scenarios to understand costs and benefits of development patterns
 - Land consumption
 - Transportation conditions
 - Environmental impacts
 - Economic competiveness
- Integrate land use and transportation planning to ensure effective long-term policy decisions



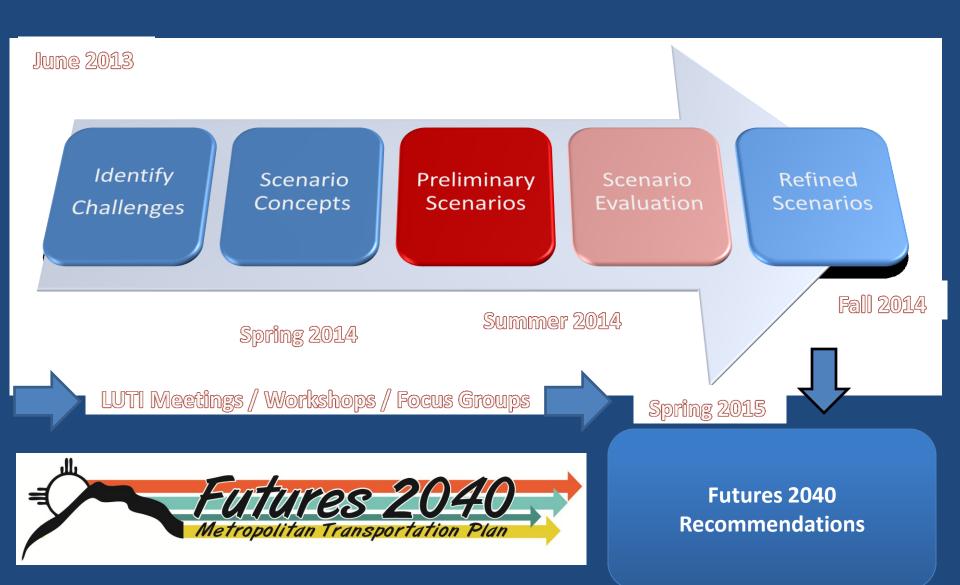
Indicator	Base Case	Alternate Case
Land We Will Consume:	365,000 acres	91,000 acres
Infrastructure Costs:	\$6,957,085,995	\$3,406,798,045
Intersections per acre:	.034	.11
New Road Miles:	4,544 miles	2,225 miles
Acres of New Impervious Surfaces:	62,444 acres	35,033 acres
Vehicle Miles of Travel Increase:	39 miles	35.9 miles
Density Patterns- Region Wide:	1.13 persons/acre	5.8 persons/acre

Example from Nashville MPO



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2040 MTP: Scenario Planning



What are the scenarios?

- ♦ Allowable Uses
- Emerging Lifestyles
- Balancing Jobs and Housing

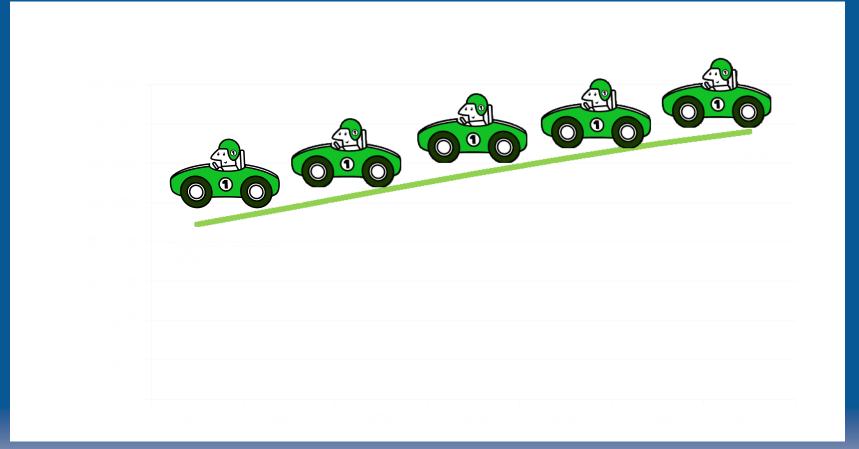


What do the scenarios have in common?

- ◆Local data (except zoning!!)
- Model structure & equations
- Roadway network
- Regional population projection
- Regional employment projection

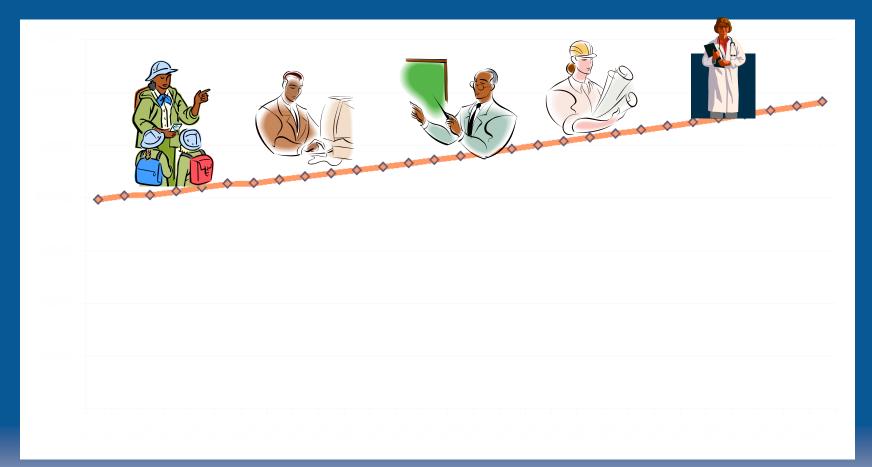


Population Projection



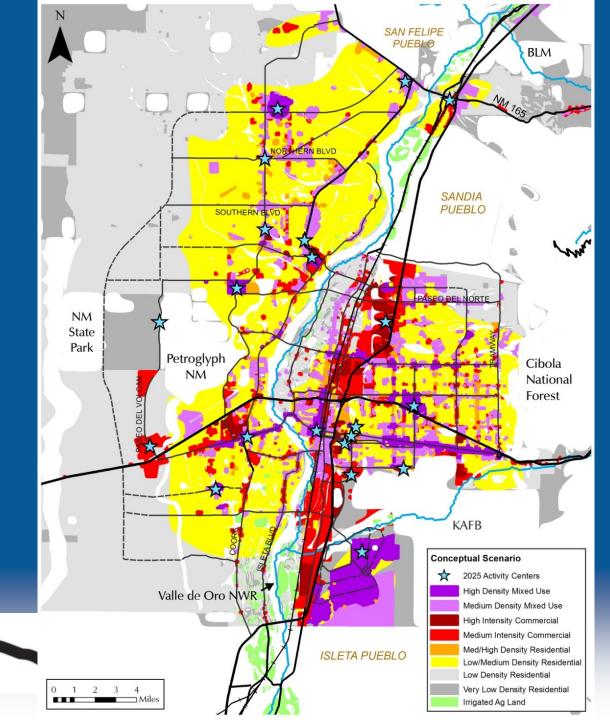


Employment Projection

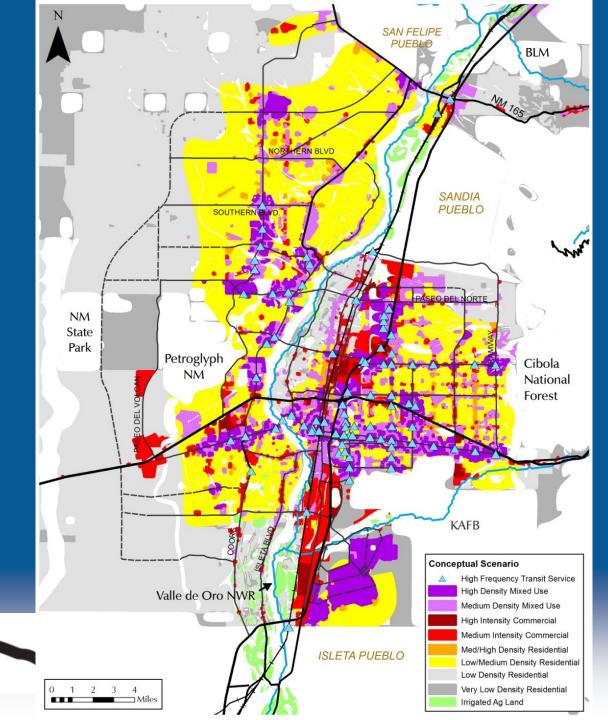




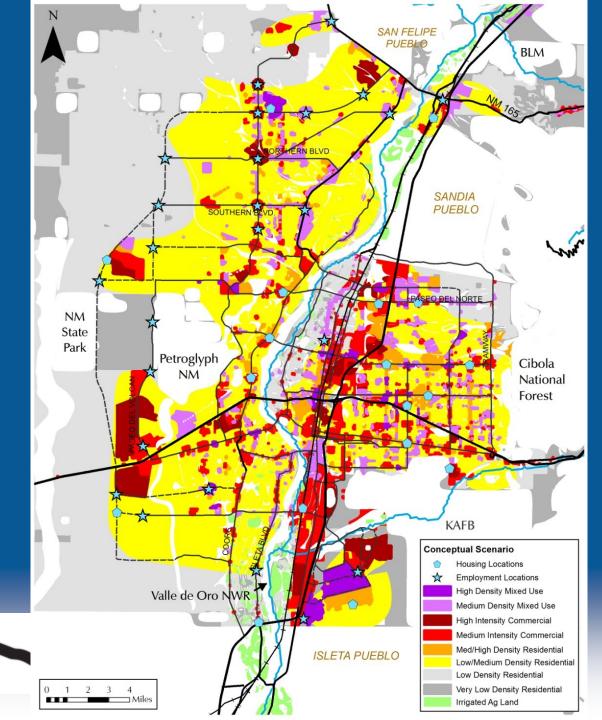
Zoning: Allowable Uses



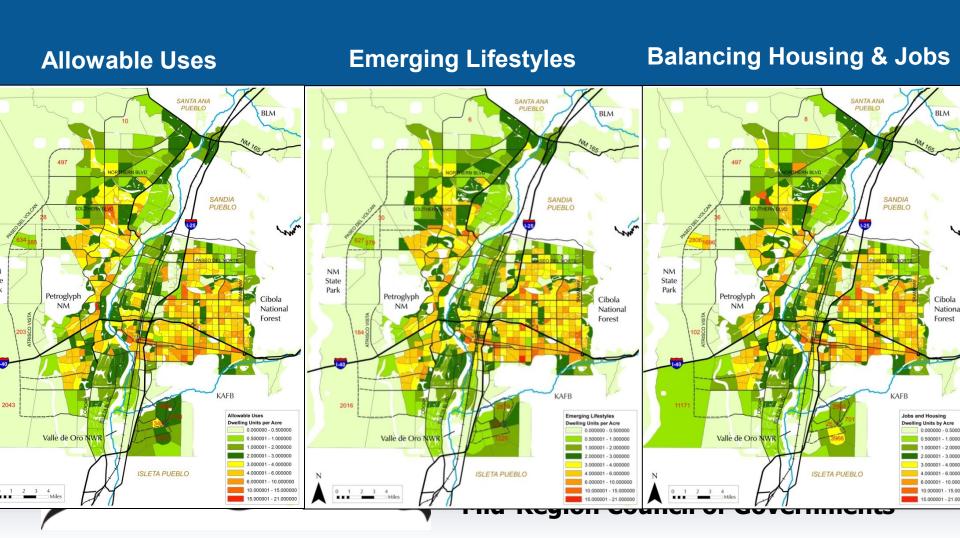
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Zoning: Balancing Housing & Jobs



Housing by Scenario

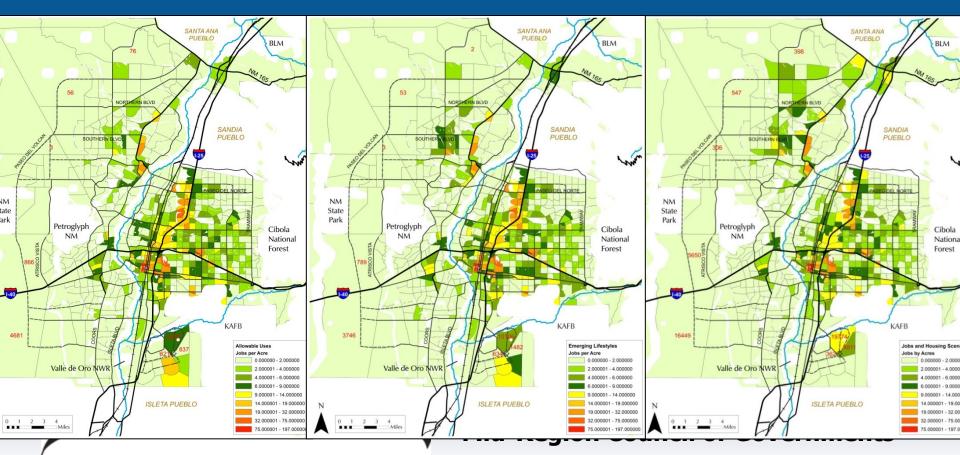


Employment by Scenario

Allowable Uses

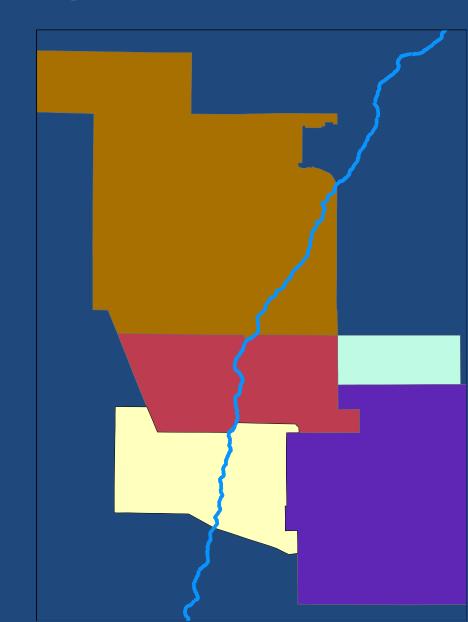
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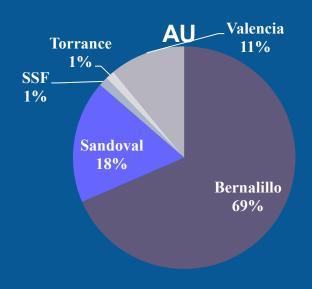
Jobs to Housing Balance

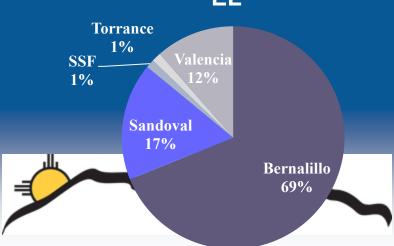
	West	East
2012	0.56	1.34
Allowable Uses	0.52	1.41
Emerging Lifestyles	0.53	1.40
Jobs & Housing	0.71	1.27

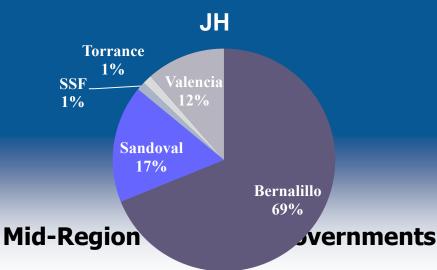


Population Share by County

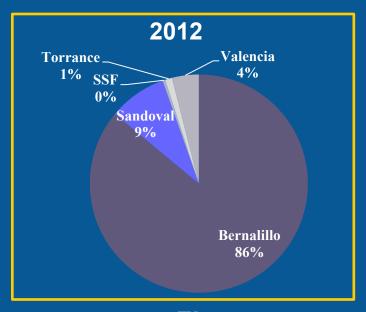


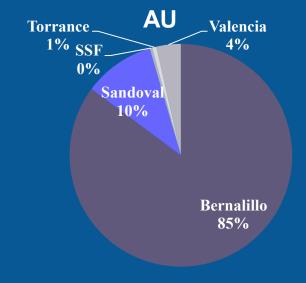


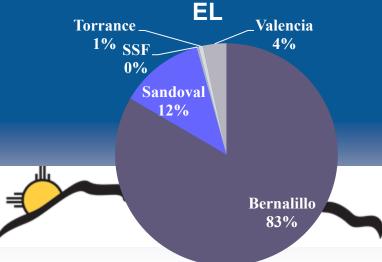


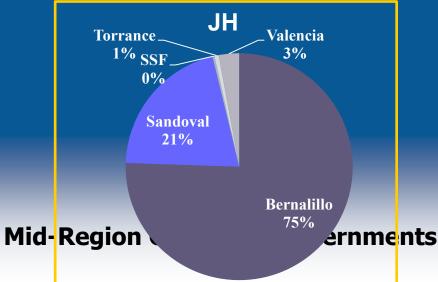


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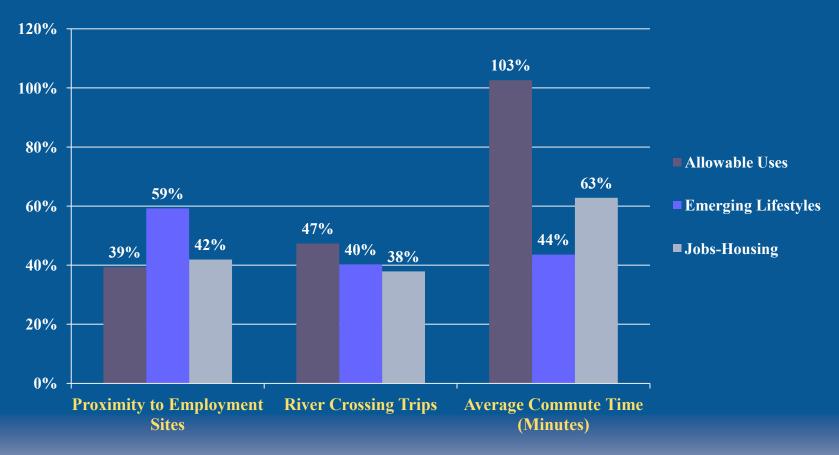


Roadway Performance





Commuting Measures

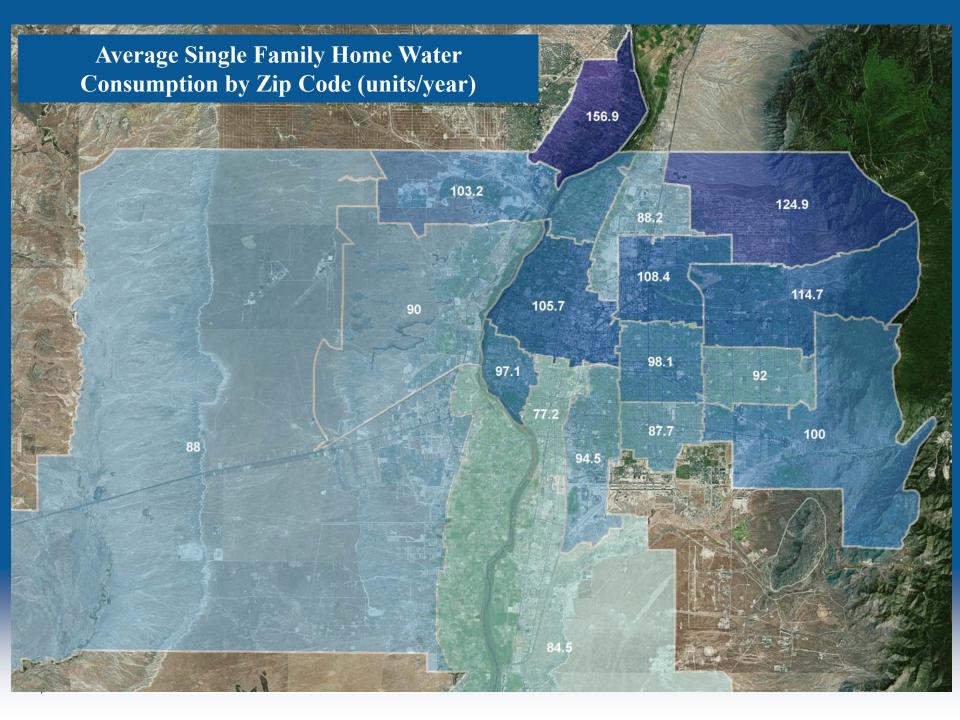




Sustainability Measures







Putting it All Together

- All scenarios show deteriorating travel conditions
- Zoning does have an impact on roadway performance; can test other strategies
- You can have fewer acres consumed by development and less congestion at the same time
- ♦ An increase in jobs west of the river appears to help alleviate the river crossing issue, but not commuting time
- Development patterns carry different benefits and costs to the region

